

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 9 as follows.

--It is known in respect of protecting a copyright that copying digital data such as music software recorded on a given recording medium to another recording medium(referred to as "copying" or "dubbing" hereinafter) is permitted only one time or for one generation. Home audio systems are commonly designed capable of copying a group of digital data, e.g. of music play by a player, from an optical disk to a recording medium such as another optical disk, a magnetic disk, or a magnetic tape without change. However, such home audio systems permit no more copying of the digital data from the copied medium or source such as an optical disk, a magnetic disk, or a magnetic tape to a further recording medium.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 3 to read as follows.

--A record/playback apparatus according to the present

Bu invention comprises: a record/playback unit for reading out data from a first recording medium and recording it onto a second recording medium; a control unit for generating basic data for imposing the payment from at least data indicative of the user identification and data indicative of the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and transmitting the basic data, and when receiving data indicative of the completion of imposing the payment, directing the record/playback unit in response to the received data indicative of the completion of imposing the payment to start the recording of the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium; and a payment imposing unit for when receiving the basic data from the control unit imposing of the payment according to the received basic data and transmitting to the control unit data indicative of the completion of imposing the payment.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19 to read as follows.

B3 --Another record/playback method according to the present

invention comprises the steps of: in response to indicator data received from an operating unit in an apparatus capable of reading out data from a first recording medium and recording it onto a second recording medium, reading out corresponding data from a data storage unit where a plurality of data is stored and recording it into the second recording medium; generating basic data for imposing the payment from data indicative of the user identification and data indicative of the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium; transmitting the basic data from the apparatus to a payment imposing unit; imposing the payment according to the basic data received and generating data indicative of the completion of imposing the payment in the payment imposing unit; transmitting the data indicative of the completion of imposing the payment from the payment imposing unit to the apparatus; and directing the apparatus to start recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium in response to the data indicative of the completion of imposing the payment.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 17
to read as follows.

--A second embodiment of the record/playback system according to the present invention will be described referring to Fig. 3. Like components are denoted by like numerals as those in the first embodiment and will be explained in no more detail. As shown in Fig. 3, the record/playback system 2 comprises a high-speed dubbing unit 30, a data transmitter unit 40, and a payment imposing unit 50. The data high-speed dubbing unit 30 may be a home electric apparatus installed in a house of the user. The data transmitter unit 40 and the payment imposing unit 50 are located in a data control center of the host side or a local payment control center like that of the first embodiment. In the record/playback system 2, the data transmitter unit 40 and the payment imposing unit 50 share the use of a modem 21 and are thus connected to each other by a public telephone line such as the ISDN network. For ease of the description, the high-speed dubbing unit 30 is shown as one unit in Fig. 3. In fact, a plurality of the high-speed dubbing units 30 are communicated via the telephone line network with the data transmitter unit 40 and the payment

imposing unit 50 of the host side.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 7 to read as follows.

--The memory 33A of controller 33 holds a key lock data for permitting the dubbing at an N-times faster speed. The controller 33 temporarily saves the key data from the payment imposing unit 50, described later, in the memory 33A and then drives a collator 33C to collate the key data with the key lock data stored in the memory 33A. When the key data corresponds to the key lock data, the controller 33 starts the dubbing. More specifically, the controller 33 supplies the optical disk drive 31 with the control signal for starting the playback action at the N-times faster speed on the optical disk 35 and simultaneously, the hard disk drive 12 with the copy command for dubbing data from the optical disk drive 31 to the hard disk drive 16.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 5-7, 11, 18, 19, 23, 31, 41, 42,

and 44 to read as follows.

part 17 --1. (Amended Twice) A record/playback apparatus comprising:

a record/playback unit for reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium;

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M a control unit for generating basic data for imposing payment from at least data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and transmitting the basic data, and when receiving data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment, directing the record/playback unit in response to the received data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment to start the recording of the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium; and

a payment imposing unit for when receiving the basic data from the control unit determining an amount of payment according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium and imposing the amount of payment

for a user specified by the user identification
and transmitting to the control unit the data indicative of
proper completion of imposing payment.

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-5. (Amended Twice) The record/playback apparatus
according to claim 4, wherein the control unit, when the key
data is judged authentic, directs the record/playback unit in
response to the data indicative of a speed to record the data
read out from the first recording medium onto the second
recording medium.

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--6. (Amended Twice) The record/playback apparatus
according to claim 2, wherein the payment imposing unit, when
the data indicative of a speed in the basic data received from
the control unit is indicative of reading out data from the
first recording medium and recording the data read out from
the first recording medium onto the second recording medium at
a predetermined speed, cancels imposing payment and generates
the key data.

--7. (Amended Twice) The record/playback apparatus
according to claim 6, wherein the payment imposing unit, when

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the data indicative of a speed in the basic data received from the control unit is indicative of reading out data from the first recording medium and recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium at a speed faster than the standard speed, imposes payment and generates the key data.

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--11. (Amended Twice) A record/playback method of reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium with the use of an apparatus capable of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording the data onto the second recording medium, the method comprising the steps of:

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generating basic data for imposing payment from data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium;

transmitting the basic data from the apparatus to a payment imposing unit;

imposing payment according to the basic data received, with an amount of payment determined according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording

medium onto the second recording medium and a payment amount for a user determined according to the data indicative of user identification and generating data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment in the payment imposing unit;

transmitting the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment from the payment imposing unit to the apparatus; and

directing the apparatus to start recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium in response to the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment.

--18. (Amended Twice) The record/playback method according to claim 11 further comprising the step of:

reading out corresponding data from a data storage unit in response to indicator data supplied from an operating unit and recorded onto the first recording medium where the corresponding data corresponds to the indicator data.

--19. (Amended Twice) A record/playback apparatus comprising:

a record/playback unit for reading out data from a first

recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium; and

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a control unit for generating basic data for imposing payment from at least data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and transmitting the basic data, and when receiving data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment, with an amount of payment determined according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and the amount of payment for a user is determined according to the data indicating user identification, directing the record/playback unit in response to the received data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment to start the recording of the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium.

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--23. (Amended Twice) A record/playback method comprising the steps of:

reading out corresponding data from a data storage unit where a plurality of data is stored and recording the data

onto a second recording medium in response to indicator data received from an operating unit in an apparatus for reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium;

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generating basic data for imposing payment from data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium;

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transmitting the basic data from the apparatus to a payment imposing unit;

imposing payment according to the basic data received, wherein an amount of payment is determined by the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium with the amount of payment imposed on a user determined according to the data indicative of user identification and generating data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment in the payment imposing unit;

transmitting the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment from the payment imposing unit to the apparatus; and

directing the apparatus to start recording the data read

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out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium in response to the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment.

per 67 --31. (Amended Twice) A record/playback apparatus comprising:

a first unit for reading out data from a first recording medium;

a second unit for recording the data onto a second recording medium;

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a control unit for generating basic data for imposing payment from at least data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first unit onto the second recording medium in the second unit, transmitting the basic data, and when receiving data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment, directing the first and second units in response to the received data to start the recording of the data read out from the first unit onto the second recording medium in the second unit; and

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the control unit, imposing payment according to the basic data received, wherein an amount of payment is determined according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and the amount of payment imposed for a user is determined according to the information indicative of user identification and transmitting the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing the payment to the control unit.

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--41. (Amended Twice) A record/playback method of reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium with the use of an apparatus for reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium, the method comprising the steps of:

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generating basic data for imposing payment from data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium;

transmitting the basic data from the apparatus to a payment imposing unit;

canceling imposing payment and generating key data when

the data indicative of a speed in the basic data received is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at a predetermined speed;

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imposing payment and generating key data when the data indicative of a speed is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at a speed faster than the predetermined speed, wherein

an amount of payment is determined according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and the amount of payment for a user is determined according to the data indicative of user identification;

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transmitting data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment from the payment imposing unit to the apparatus; and

directing the apparatus to start recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium in response to the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment.

B12 --42. (Amended Twice) The record/playback method according to claim 41 further comprising the steps of:
 judging whether the key data received from the payment imposing unit is authentic; and
 recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium based on the judging.

B13 --44. (Amended) The record/playback method according to claim 41 further comprising the step of:
 recording the data read out from the first storage medium onto the second recording medium according to the data indicative of a speed when the key data is judged authentic.--

Claim 45 has been added as follows.

B14 D1C9 --45. (New) A dubbing apparatus comprising:
 dubbing means for reading out data from a first recording medium and writing said read out data onto a second recording medium; and
 control means for generating basic data for billing a user, said basic data includes a user identification and a